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SUBJECT: WEST BERLIN SED CHIEF VISITS WARSAW

1. GERHARD DANELIUS, WEST BERLIN SED CHAIRMAN, VISITED POLAND MARCH 20-24 AT THE INVITATION OF THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE. ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE SED SECRETARIES BRUNO KUSTER AND HORST SCHMITT AND DIE WAHRHEIT EDITOR HERWIG KURZENDOERFER. THE DELEGATION MET GIEREK AND ALSO CONFERRED SEPARATELY WITH PZPR SECRETARIAOWMEMBERS SZYDLAK, LUKASIEWICZ, AND WERBLAN, AND WITH CC FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FRELEK, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS.

2. PRESS COMMENTARY ACCOMPANYING DANELIUS' VISIT PLAYS
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UP THE SED WEST BERLIN AS A DYNAMIC PARTY, PARTICULARLY ACTIVE AMONG YOUTH AND WORKERS, WHOSE POLICIES ARE AIMED

AT RESOLVING THE QUESTION OF WEST BERLIN'S STATUS WITHIN A DETENTE CONTEXT. A LONG ARTICLE APPEARING MARCH 25 IN TRYBUNA LUDU ATTACKS MAYOR KLAUS SCHUETZ' POLICIES, POSTULATING THAT COOPERATION WITH THE GDR IS THE ONLY RREALISTIC CHOICE FOR WEST BERLIN.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON MARCH 23 ASSERTS THAT DETENTE REQUIRES FULL RESPECT FOR THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT ON BERLIN AND "ABOVE ALL" RESPECT FOR THE "PRINCIPLE THAT WEST BERLIN IS NOT A PART OF THE FRG AND CANNOT BE GOVERNED BY IT". THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CALLS FOR AN ALL-EUROPE CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST AND WORKER'S PARTIES AND DECLARES THAT BOTH SIGNATORIES ARE READY TO UNDERTAKE PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW WORLD CONFERENCE AS WELL. THE COMMUNIQUE UNDERSCORES THE "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" OF THE RECENT BRUSSELS CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: DANELIUS' VISIT IS YET ANOTHER IN A CONTINUING ROUND OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PZPR AND WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN ADDITION TO VISITS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, A SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY "STUDY GROUP", LED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ENRIQUE ROVIRA WAS HERE MARCH 5-12. THE GROUP MET WITH PZPR OFFICIALS FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOREIGN, AGRICULTURE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENTS AND DISCUSSED TASKS RELATED TO FURTHER COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S MOVEMENT ACTIVITY, ACCORDING TO A BRIEF REPORT IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON MARCH 13.
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